THE OMAHA DAILY BEE.

THE CONGO CONDITIONS.

The conditions in the Congo Free

State, as reported by entirely trustwor-

thy authorities, are unquestionably

most deplorable and a terrible reproach

to the country responsible for them. It

is undeniably the duty of all civilized

peoples to raise their voice in protest

against the atrocities that have been

committed and to make every possible

effort through the expression of public

opinion to induce the government which

alone can correct the conditions to take

the necessary action. The horrible rec-

ord of wrong and outrage inflicted upon

the Congo natives should arouse man-

kind and the notice that is being taken

of them by the American people is

By some it is contended that popular

protest and condemnation is all that can

be done, and that the matter is not one

for the interposition or interference of

we are told would very properly be re-

sented by the government which con-

trols affairs in the Congo Free State.

There are, however, some very excellent

persons among our citizens who believe

positive action with a view to putting an

end to the grave conditions in the Congo

country. In the present case Secretary

Root has taken the stand that the

United States is not in a position to act.

This country has no territorial or ad-

ministrative interest in that quarter and

no treaty right of intervention. It is

even without diplomatic or consular rep-

resentatives in the Congo Free State.

Yet whether as a party to the Berlin

conference we could not with propriety

co-operate to reconvene that body for

up from all parts of the country.

INTERNAL WATERWAY PROJECT.

On Tuesday the house of representa-

tives passed a bill chartering the Lake

Erie and Ohio Ship Canal company,

with an authorized capital of \$60,000,-

000. This is to carry out a project to

connect Pittsburg with Lake Erie, which

would prove of immense advantage to

that city. It is stated that the lines of

railway between Lake Erie and Pitts-

burg are unable to handle properly and

satisfactorily the enormous interchange

of freight and for some time the great

manufacturing interests of the Pennsyl-

vania city have been agitating for a

definitely met.

that this government should take some other.

wholly proper and commendable.

- E. ROSEWATER, EDITOR.

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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Negro lynching is not confined alto gether to the former slave states, as is evidenced by the outbreak at Springfield, O.

The creditors of Count Boni de Cas tellane clearly want to get possession of his property before it is dissipated in lawyers' fees.

Chicago's chief of police must be "breaking in" a number of new men now that he has resumed work on the "Mr. Dove" case,

Mr. Cromwell proves that a legal education is quite an aid to a witness who does not want to answer more or less pertinent questions.

When reformed spelling joins vertical canal can be governed as a whole, rather riting in the public schools the Com mercial colleges may be expected to increase their quarters again.

of a man of force, coupling with this the guilty in the Pat Crowe case. The diff. separation of all matters connected with culty is that none of these post-mortem verdicts have any standing at law as this work from the control of the ordinary government departments at Washcompared with that of the jury empaneled for the trial. ington, but under such supervision only

as to insure the government that his ad-It would be in accord with the eternal ministration is efficient, or the same refitness of things for Walter Moise, Tom sult should be accomplished through let-Dennison and other prominent backers butted in just to help out a witness who ting of the work to a contracting firm of William J. Broatch to invoke the large enough to control under one management the entire constructive work on power of the court to swing the gates wide open at the next primary so that the isthmus, under broad and general specifications and under such general everybody who is willing to swear that supervision as may appear to congress he has affiliated with the republican to be proper." Such is the disinterested party will have a right to vote indisjudgment of one of the ablest engineers criminately, regardless of whether he is in the country, who has made a careful registered or not. With the gates wide study of the subject, and everybody who open, we are told, thousands of men can be recruited for the Midway Plaisance is acquainted with government methods candidate in Omaha, South Omaha, East must acknowledge its force. It would Omaha, Council Bluffs, Fort Crook and seem, of course, that the government, but nothing occurred to him and he did not with its fine corps of engineers, could other suburbs within reach. It is easy speak for that class of men to hold up the dig the canal at a reasonable cost, yet

right hand, while the left hand is holding fast to the swag.

The resolution pending before the county board to make the superintendent of the court house responsible for

It is altogether probable that if this move in the right direction. It is perhaps to be expected that janitor service vast work is carried on by the governin a public building will cost taxpayers ment it will cost many millions more more than it would a private owner, but than if done by contract under proper there is no reason why a public building governmental supervision, and that the should not have efficient janitor service. time of its completion will be delayed. The superintendent of the court house In regard to this Mr. Wallace says that has usually found excuse for dereliction It will require more time and money to construct a high-level canal on the in the alleged unfitness of subordinates eighty-five-foot plan, under the present holding their places by personal pull method of governmental control, than with members of the county board and it will to construct a sea-level canal. imagining themselves exempt from all discipline. Giving the superintendent provided the work is accomplished by modern efficient business methods. The an appointing and removing power

would, at least, take away this excuse.

The lawyers of the state propose to relieve the Nebraska delegation at

Washington of the onerous duty of recommending the judge for the new federal district for Nebraska yet to be created. This savors very much of the action of the Douglas County Bar association not so long ago instructing Governor Mickey whom to appoint to a judicial vacancy on the district bench. It is presumable that the state bar organization, although it may be dominated by democratic lawyers, as was the

Douglas county association, will be good enough to recommend only republicans for the appointment by the republican president.

Governor Mickey wants it distinctly understood that he is not responsible for Broatchism in Omaha, Inasmuch 88 Governor Mickey re-appointed Broatch to the police board and con- up to scorn as a petty man. tinues to shut his eyes and ears to the flagrant and lawless use of the police

club to force every man who is under police surveillance into line for Broatch we would like to know who is responsible.

on the part of the railroad lawyers to tell the supreme court of the United

PERSONAL NOTES. William H. MeIntyre, fourth vice presi-

dent of the Equitable Assurance society,

A RAILROAD ERROR.

Demand for Public Control of Bates

No New Thing.

San Francisco Chroniele

for the effective public control of railroad

rates began forty years ago, more or less

and was conducted far more bitterly than

now for many years, until the great under

lying doctrine was settled, about a quarter

of a century ago, by the supreme court

Cause and Effect.

One strange thing about foreigners who

enter our universities is that they study

language, science, history and philosophy

Brooklyn Eagle

vious to 1994.

of law.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE. Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the spot.

Occasionally a Missourian in congress, usually dicreet, forgets his training and at- a railroad in Texas. tempts to "show" people some things be-

Mark Twain can now reciprocate felicita yond the range of common knowledge. At tions to William D. Howells, who is 70 years a recent committee hearing on the bill to old this week. Both are getting busier and modify the tax on alcohol, Champ Clark better all the time. Emperor William has appointed Prof

did not know how a certain kind of alcohol Ernst yon Bergmann a member of the up was made. The Missouri congressman said per house of Parliament for life. This is that this particular kind of alcohol was in the first time that such an honor has been vented by a Missourl convict, who pounded conferred on a member of the medical prothe sour corn pone they + gave him for fession. breakfast until it distilled into "the stuff now under investigation." The story was received with shouts of laughter, which however, did not disturb the witness. He waited until the laugh subsided and then quietly remarked, "That story proves what on his grounds forbidding trespassing. have always believed, that all the bright nen in Missouri were put in the peniten tiary." Mr. Clark thought for some time.

The veteran Senator Morgan is the posessor of that rare sense of humor which married her for her money. enables him to enjoy a joke even when it on himself, and he is even not averse to telling about it. One afternoon he sat it the cloakroom and teld this:

"The other afternoon I was sitting at nome with nothing special to occupy me, the force of janitors under him is a and I picked up an old volume of the Congressional Record. I opened it at random and hit upon the middle of a speech, which began to read. Very soon I became interested, and as I proceeded I said to my self, 'This man is making a very sensible talk.' I found myself quite in accord with his views and read along with a good deal of approval until I had finished two pages. was wondering who could have made such a speech, but was too much interested to look back to find out. But as I turned the page I came upon an interruption, and there was my own name given as the sena- orlebration of "Home-coming week, for making the reply. It was my own speech I had been reading.

> Senator Tillman has fallen into the custom, long since established by the orators in the house, of having a quotation precede his speech, generally of poetry that is sup-

posed to fit the nature of the rhetorical effort. But Tillman has improved upon the house custom. He has taken the liberty of inecting thoughts into the quotation. Even Shakespeare, the man from whom Tillman borrowed his first quotation, all sufficient as he is for so many men, does not express all the South Carolina senator thinks. Here is the Shakespeare excerpt, with the Till-

man interpellations: 'Why man, he (Roosevelt) doth bestride the y man, he (Roosever) doth bestride the narrow world a Colossus and we petty men"-you, thank God, not I-"walk under his huge legs and peep about find ourselves dishonorable graves"-Like

To find or a piece of pork.

When Tillman quoted that in the senate. he shook his finger at Spooner, one of the was another bitter contest, which resulted smallest men in the senate. Spooner caught in the creation of the United States Interthe humor of the situation and bristled up state Commerce commission. Within a as if he were going to make it a personal

matter. In menacing tones he demanded, 'Does the senator mean me?' Tillman caught the twinkle in Spooner' eye and laughingly declared that he had no

idea of holding his friend from Wisconsin A bride and bridegroom from Massachusetts arrived in town on their wedding tour and put up at the Metropolitan hotel. At the same table with them sat a stately handsome man who proved to be Senator McLaurin of Mississippi, Mr. McLaurin's genial courtesy soon put them at ease He volunteered to show them the town and It required 1,500 pages of typewriting promised to get them a personal interview with the president.

At an appointed hour they appeared at the senate and the Mississinn

BRIGHTENING SKIES.

Menneing Clouds Passing from the Business Horizon. Washington Post

has finally been located. He is president of over a fair and sunny summer Often andscape, suddenly from some mysterious somewhere there rise and mather dark. muttering clouds that shut out the light

and bring vague forebodings of storm and wreck. Sometimes the fury of nature let loose and devastation and ruin spread for miles about, and sometimes the louds melt away without a gust, and all is serene again.

So it is in the business and financial world. For a long period now our skies Luther Burbank has had to call a halt on have been undimmed, till all at once the his visitors. Last year he entertained over 6.000 persons interested in his experiments sun ceased to shine so brightly-a great and destructive strike loomed on the and scientific work, and he says he lost too horizon, serious complications over Momuch valuable time and he has posted signs rocco began to appear, holding possibilities of widespread strife; troubles threat-

The New York papers are parading the ened in China, a tariff war with Germany news that Mrs. Yerkes, who married a most injurious to trade seemed imminent, young fellow named Mizner some hours and the railroad rate situation began to after the death of the multimillionaire from look complicated and almost impossible whom she had been living apart, has of solution. Now, quickly as they gathered, thrown over her young husband. The these menacing conditions seem to be passcause is stated to be the discoverey that he ing away. Miners and operators have

met on a friendly basis, and are confer-It is expected that when General Grosvering together in a spirit of conciliation and nor of Ohio shall retire from congress : with a realizing sense that there is a large number of heads will fall in the vari public to be reckoned with. The envoys ous departments, in Washington, During at Algeeiras, though still skirmishing for his long service in the house the general position, make it evident that the controhas had many fights and many obstreperous versy, even if unsettled, holds no war in constituents have been induced to be good its bosom; the best Chinese authorities by the conferring of offices. They will all feel assured that there will be no immehave to go when his successor comes in. diate outbreak, a modus vivendi is ar-The school children of Kentucky have ranged with Germany, railroad earnings. raised above \$6,000 for a statue of the late which were thought to have reached about Stephen C. Foster, author of "My Old Kenthe limit, are still advancing; the season's tucky Home," The work is to be done by business has been excellent, and the prom-W. L. Roop of Louisville, who has recently ise of spring tinde was never so rosy. obtained in Pittsburg a photograph of Mr Crop prospects, so far as they can be Foster, taken about 1858. A plaster cast of prognosticated at this season, are favorthe statue is to be ready for unveiling at able. Louisville next June in connection with the

There has been some apprehension that new enterprises involving vast expenditures and the necessity for floating imionse amounts of securities were being brough forward so rapidly as to menace the stability of financial conditions, but must not be forgotten that there is

every month poured into the world's At a recent banquet at Los Angele President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fo money supply over \$30,000,000 gold, and railroad was reported as saying that in that bank note circulation in this country has vastly increased. If all sorts of his opinion "the agitation of the rate queaconstruction are expanding, so are the tion may be said to have started with the tools to do it with increasing, and it is report of the Interstate Commerce com reassuring to find the financial skies, if mission in the spring of 1904." The mark simply shows the fallibility of the not yet wholly cloudless, by no means memory of a busy man. The agitation overcast.

POINTED REMARKS.

Mrs. Slimson-I thought you were coming home carly to punish Willie for telling that lie. Slimson-I was, but I had to stop at the city hall and swear off my taxes.-Brooklyn

of the United States in what are known 1.150 as the "granger cases." Following that and state regulation of interstate commerce having been found ineffective, ther

Mrs. Chugwater-Josiah, this paper speaks of a man in Washington as a "senatorial time-server." What does that mean? Mr. Chugwater-I reckort he's the man that winds the senate clock. What do you want to ask such a fool question as that for?-Chicago Tribune. few years after that, and following cer

He (guardedly)-Do you believe the old saving that two can live as cheap as one? She (unreservedly)-Yes, if they are a cheap couple to begin with,-St. Louis Posttain decisions of the supreme court, there began the present phase of the agitation which is apparently about to culminate in a law actually conferring upon the Dispatch.

commission the power which the people "I don't hear the complaint that I used o about the idleness of the wealthy domand that it shall have, and which was supposed to have been conferred by

"No." answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "These investigating committees are now criticising us for getting too busy."-Washington Star. the original law creating the commission It is astonishing that Mr. Ripley should have forgotten all this that happened pre-"We Americans eat too much," said the

scientist

"Yes," said the ordinary citizen. "We see the cost of food going up so fast that we feel there is no time to lose."-Washington Doubtless Mr. Ripley was right in say ing that no railroad company willingly gives secret or other rebates from its pub-

lished charges, but that traffic managers First Doctor-Have you noticed that the only stand and deliver when big shippers people who live in a mountainous country generally have good lungs? Second Doctor-Yes. If they don't, they threaten diversion of traffic if rebates are not given. That is no excuse for violation Second Dactor-Yes. If they le there - Somerville Journal.

of. Everybody familiar with conditions in

The passing of populism was due banked on calamity as their particular tent upon securing relief from real or

than relief from the evils they complain

our great cities knows that social vice is a tolerated evil that cannot be completely suppressed, but should be repressed and kept under police surveillance. If the leaders of the Civic Federation were honestly intent upon minimizing social vice and closing the lid upon all dram shops patronized exclusively by the vicious and criminal classes, had they waged war upon the

canal. As the proposed waterway, licensed dives in the Third ward where which will be 100 miles in length, must the thugs, crooks, footpads and vile extend into two states, it was desired to scum of the town mostly congregate have a federal charter under which the they would have the sympathy and co-

women.

ered. CHOKING AT A GNAT. sympathy for the wrongs of these oppressed people. If a way could be found chiefly to the fact that its leaders in which our government could assist to mitigate the Congo situation, without stock in trade and were not so much inviolating our international obligations, a wave of popular approval would go

imagined abuses as they were for creating a political upheaval by popular discontent. The same tactics are being pursued by the leaders of the Omaha Civic federation. They seem to want calamity and popular discontent rather

proposition that the canal should be built by contract is likely to grow in

it is a fact that as a rule men in charge

of government departments and govern-

ment work do not show the efficiency

which the ordinary business firm has,

for the obvious reason that there is not

the incentive in the one case as in the

further action is a question he has not In the meanwhile resolutions passed by popular meetings condemning the favor the more carefully it is consid-Congo outrages will continue to be sent to Washington volcing our national sense of justice aroused by

The force which knocked the props from under prices of stocks on Wall street evidently found what it was looking for and is ready to support the market again.

While Senator Tillman is "officially" in charge of the Hepburn bill in the interested supported this objection. The senate, Senator Dolliver must be recognized as the real leader when it comes to the fight.

The decision of official Russia to per- Lake Erie. mit the constitutional democrats to when they are wanted.

One thing can be said for the Marconfgram editorials in the local demo-pop Marconigram fakes constantly appearing in its news columns.

If the railroads centering here will only pull together long enough to build up the Omaha grain market to its fullest possibilities, there will soon be enough out grain traffic for all of them to handle.

Members of the Fontanelle club who are plugging for Broatch are cordially invited to seats on the Bensonian platform which is to be on public exhibition at Creighton hall from 8 to 11 p. m. tomorrow.

Ohio's new democratic governor should write to Mississippl for expert advice on the subject of controlling mobs. With all his faults Governor Vardaman has come nearer to solving the problem.

The report on the Dominican treaty, with its amendments, shows that senators are willing enough to regulate the affairs of Santo Domingo provided Santo Domingo has nothing to say as to how it shall be done.

Kansas maximum freight rate law in He found from his experience at Panthe courts; but the side shows will all ama that attempts to carry on construcgive place to the attractions in the main | tive work under the direction of Washtent whenever Uncle Sam begins to enforce the Hepburn bill.

We have now discovered a good reason why it costs more than twice as that governmental functions on the isthcounty jail than it does to feed them in general supervision of the work and en- a court decision can alter the logic of the city jail. Those gas leaks in the county jail sharpen the appetite-for and sanitary regulations as may be necgraft.

Secretary Shaw objects to having sil- the constructive work. ver \$2-pieces issued on behalf of the Jamestown exposition on the theory that they will circulate; but the same tically unlimited authority," says Mr. democrat. objections lie against the coinage of sil- Wallace. "combining the technical and ver dollars forced into circulation at scientific training of the engineer with The Real Estate exchange has twice their intrinsic value

than have two state charters and two corporations to operate it. The waterway will be built by private capital and will cost the federal government nothing whatever. There was nevertheless considerable opposition in the house of representatives to granting the charter, chiefly on the ground that it would be an in vasion of state rights, though no repre-

sentative of either of the states directly opposition came from the democratic side and it is remarked that scarcely a vote was recorded against the bill from within 1,000 miles of Pittsburg and

The building of this canal will of maintain a meeting place may indicate | course contribute greatly to the further a desire to have the reformers in a trap development of Pittsburg as a manufacturing center. It will doubtless also serve to improve the country through which it will pass, increasing the business and the population of the towns organ-they are just as fictitious as the | bordering on it. While it is a fact that in this country canals have not usually

been profitable to their projectors, there is good reason to believe that this one will prove an exception. At all events the private capital necessary to construct it seems ready to enter into the investment. The sticklers for state rights may offer a more or less vigorous opposition to the project in the senate. but it is not probable that they will be able to prevent its passage. It will be an internal improvement of such proportions as to be of general interest.

CANAL BY CONTRACT.

The views of the former chief en gineer of the Panama canal, Mr. Wallace, favorable to the construction of the canal by contract, certainly merit serious consideration. He urges that when the work must be conducted 2,000 miles away from a seat of government. a policy imposing the necessity of referring all important questions to Washington and submitting them there to men who necessarily cannot be conversant with the conditions on the isthmus unless they are informed by the partles on the ground, cannot give satisfactory istrars as to which political party the results, no matter how honest or effi-

The railroads are preparing to test the cient the supervising officers may be. ington bureaus, especially when the work is large and complicated, are con-

ducive of extravagance and waste as to if it at the same time destroyed its efboth time and money. His opinion is fectiveness for confining participation in forcement of such simple ordinances common sense which decrees that no primary conducted with the door wide open essary to secure the peace and the to fraud would have any binding effect. health of the community affected by A nomination fraudulently procured

the administrative and executive ability brought in another formal verdict of as a Christian Endeavo

operation of all respectable men and States why their corporate employers should be relieved from paying the full

Instead of prosecuting the keepers of amount of the taxes levied on their railthese resorts and prosecuting also the road property in Nebraska by the state keepers and owners of houses in the hoard of assessment, but as the railroad residence portion of the city that are lawyers are paid by the year it does rented at high prices for unlawful purnot cost anything for gas leakage. poses, they have raided 170 liquor dealers which are in the main orderly and Wisdom Filters Into Royalty. well kept for alleged violation of the Minneapolis Journal.

Sunday law. Like the populist calamity King Edward's indorsement of home rule brings him in line with the best municipal howlers they are willing to subject the thoughters in America. town to pillage, robbery and even murder in the low groggeries located in the burnt district just to show how bad the

liquor traffic can be when conducted in Canadian minister of finance ordering a close contact with social vice. In a royal commissioner to take up the investiword, the policy pursued is but another gation of insurance companies of the do striking illustration of swallowing a minion. camel while choking at a gnat.

AN OPEN DOOR TO FRAUD.

the party whose ballot he demands.

who would like an open door for paid re

peaters and colonizers through whom

they hope to huy or steal the mayoralty

by the supreme court would be useless

nomination for W. J. Broatch.

their party primaries.

at the election.

Hush, Honey, Hush! New York World. The transcontinental railroads have been

Popularity of the Probe Act.

New York Post.

"America leads the world." Here is the

making new speed records, with an eye An opinion has been procured from to the approaching time for the renewal of the democratic side of the city attorthe four-year mail-carrying contracts. Do ney's office interpreting the recent dewise managers make weight as well as time cision of the supreme court upholding under the hope of fresh government patronthe validity of the Dodge primary law as age? Are the roads making plans also to pad the mail bags with heavy franked matopening the door to anyone and everyter, in view of the weighing-in process

one, whether registered or unregistered, which shall determine the rates of compento cast a vote for primary nominations sation? upon mere affirmation of affiliation with

The Army of Brigadiers Springfield Republican

The thinly velled object of this deep In another particular the United States laid scheme is to enable the democrats, leads the world. There are 345 brigadier who have blocked all competition for generals on the retired list of our regular army. Sixey-two of them were created nominations within their own ranks, to between January 1, 1902, and January 1. inject themselves into the republican primaries and select the republican nomretired.' Including all, major generals and lieutenant generals, America is defended

DRAWING A THIN LINE.

College President's Comparison Somewhat Overdone.

New York Commercial. President Carroll D. Wright of world-The basic idea of primary legislation wide fame as a statistician and now presifrom beginning to end is that participadent of Clark college at Worcester, Mass. tion in primary elections shall be conhas just been lecturing his students on the fined by law to the duly enrolled memefforts made by states to regulate industry, bers of each respective political party, and, strange to say, he is a triffe "muddy" on one pollit in his argument. "If I am a and the question propounded by the regminister of the gospel," he says, "and ask for and get a railroad ticket at half voter desires to affiliate with is for the price, just why should I preach against rebates next Sunday? Ethically, there is was not a bill which had been sent to the sole purpose of preparing the roll of no difference between John D. Rockefeller president and returned. duly qualified republicans or democrats

or socialists entitled to participate in getting discount on the transportation of his oil and the Christian Endeavor society that dam bill; it is another dam bill." going to San Francisco for a convention at The vindication of the primary law wholesale rates. We damn the one, and laughed. some seem to wish the damning to extend beyond this earth; but we applaud the

other for doing the same thing," The school teacher, the plumber or the doctor. party nominations to bona fide voters of who can't get a half rate as a clergyman unjustly, and the half rate preacher who But a special low rate to the Christian Endeavorers or any other organization can be would forfelt to the nominee at the elec- that his competitors cannot get; it diswe say of social economics at Clark if the

students are to graduate with a notion that however, its starving subjects by tens of a violator of the Elkins law is just as good thousands ask for temporary relief in order

receive them. He had just shaken hands when Senator Lodge, cold. dry, wintry and acidulous, happened to come up.

"Senator Lodge," said Senator McLaurin, this is a very dear friend of mine from your own state. He comes, in fact, from a town quite close to your town of Nahant. I shall be glad if you will take him to the White House and get him a personal interview with the president, and there are

protected themselves and their companies several other attentions which I should be glad to have you show him and which he and the whole history of railroad legislation in the United States would have been will explain to you." With a twinkle in his eye and a twitchchanged. Publicity is the remedy for a multitude of evils, and the public can ing at his mouth Mr. McLaurin vanished never be got to believe that the railroads into the senate chamber, and for the rest

of the day Mr. Lodge was busy showing have not adopted this policy in respect to matters in which they were the victhe Massachusetts couple around. tims, for the reason that they did not

dare let in the light on transactions in Speaker Cannon was talking about the queer requests he receives for appropria- which they were themselves the handits and other people the victims. It is useless tions from investigators of various kinds. "One time a government scientist asked to ignore the fact that railroad officials for \$18,000 for the study of astrophysical have abused their powers, and to that science. I asked him what he meant by is due the inflexible determination of the people to reduce, come what may, these astrophysical. And what do you think he powerful corporations to complete submistold me?

"'Why,' he said, 'astrophysical is the sion. study of the sun's rays behind the red." "Think of it! Eighhteen thousand of the government's good hard-earned money for the study of the sun's rays behind the red. "'What are the sun's rays behind the red?" I asked.

while some Americans go there to study 'Why, the colors of the spectrum outleaping, rowing and foot hall. Is that why side of the red.' the man of science rethe foreigners are always pushed so hard plied. when we have to fight them?

"''Can you see 'em?' I asked. "'No,' he replied, 'but I think I could if I had the \$18,000," "

Senator Foraker, while debating the pur food bill, was getting warm on the subject of fusel oil in whisky. He had submitted to several interruptions and his patience 1905. In each case the new brigadier served | was about exhausted when Senator Tillman one day in the active service and then was asked him a question. The Ohio man replled somewhat pettishly, whereupon Tillman said: "I was head barkeeper down today by 260 living generals on the retired in South Carolina when the dispensary syslist. It is a shame that anyone should be tem was inaugurated, and I know what am talking about." Mr. Foraker allowed him to go on and in five minutes the south erner amply made good his boast and had shown that he was the best posted man in the senate on the making of whisky, and had silenced everybody. Foraker included, "I am not much of a sharp on the taste of whisky, but I know all about the making of it," he ended triumphantly, and no one could say him nay.

> Representative Payne of New York was guilty of perpetrating a pun in the house recently. He asked for the re-enrollment of a bill concerning a dam, which he explained had in some way been lost. Mr. Alexander of New York asked if it

"Oh. no." replied Mr. Payne, "it is not

The house laughed and Mr. Payne

Relief Should Be Prompt. Portland Oregonian.

Unless the world comes promptly and fullhanded to the relief of the faminemuch moticy to feed prisoners in the mus should be confined exclusively to a the party. No twisting or distorting of can, is apparently discriminated against stricken of northern Japan, tens of thousands of the people must perish. Civilizacondemns rebating is at least inconsistent. tion knows, in a stress of this kind, neither race nor creed. The trouble will not be in withholding supplies from these destitute taken advantage of by anybody "desirous people, but in getting relief to them before of making the same trip. A rebate to an it is too late. With its population decioil or an iron manufacturer is something mated by war and famine, the island empire still pluckily holds up its head and "Either the work should be put into tion the vote of every honest and law- criminates against them; and morally it is looks confidently to the future, when, with the hands of one strong man, with prac- respecting citizen, be he republican or vastly different from a cut rate open to the expanded area. It will be able to provide public for a specified period. What shall for its own against stress of drouth and menace of invasion. In the meantime that they may not miscrably perish

There was never a day the railroads did not have it in their power

Wife-Here's the clockmaker, come to fix our clock. Go upstairs and get it for him. won't you? to put an end to the depredations of these commercial highwaymen. Had Mr. Van-Husband (lazily)-it fan't upstairs, is it? Wife-Certainly. Where did you think it derbilt and the other railroad presidents, who, years ago, signed the infamous con-

Husband-I thought it had run down .tract which Rockefeller extorted from Philadelphia Ledger. them, instead of signing, published the

"I suppose you expect to move your audicontract which Rockefeller demanded that they should sign they would have amply

tors by your eloquence." "That len't my object." answered the young orator. "I will be thankful if I can keep them in their seats."-Washington Star

NORTHERN LIGHTS.

The Spectator. All scentless in the fields of snow, The valley mists hang deep below; No earthly damps attaint the air. And all is pure and white and fair.

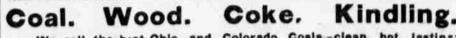
No stir betrays the wandering breeze, No whisper from the frozen trees; They muster still and stark and pale, A phantom host in silver mail

And silver-studded over all Is drawn night's velvet purple pall, And all is peace; the fitful breath Seems sacrilege in this land of death.

When far athwart the northern pole The rainbow-tinted streamers roll, The leaguered wizard of the north Has flung his flery challenge forth.

And, where across the frozen plain Lies the grim harvest of the slain, His icy searchlights coldy sweep. The approaches to his virgin keep.

So are there latitudes too high In realms of cold philosophy, And barren wastes that cannol five The bread whereby a man may live.



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inees, whom they will then try to beat Hand in glove with the democrats in this scheme is the combination of Third retired as a major or even a colonel. ward denizens and corporation hirelings